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1. CONFIRMING THE TREND WHICH WE REPORTED REFTEL, INTERNAL TRAVEL OF MOST MISSION ELEMENTS RETURNING TO NORMAL. SINCE TRAVEL BAN WAS LIFTED IN SEPTEMBER, OVER TWENTY OFFICERS OF MISSION HAVE MADE SOME TWENTY-SIX SEPARATE TRIPS. PLACES VISITED HAVE INCLUDED MAIDUGURI, KANO, BENIN, BAUCHI, YOLA, ILORIN, AKURE, ABEOKUTA, ENUGU, MINNA, SAPELE, PORT HARCOURT AND IBADAN/KADUNA FOR LAGOS PERSONNEL AND LAGOS FOR CONSULATE PERSONNEL. AMBASSADOR (TO BENDEL STATE), AIR ATTACHE (TO KADUNA FOR NIGERIAN AIR FORCE DAY) AND ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER KADUNA (TO SOKOTO) ALL INTENDING TRAVEL WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS. DCM (IBADAN, OGBOMOSHO, ILORIN AND KAINJI) AND PAO (ENUGU, BENIN AND NSUKKA) CURRENTLY ON THE ROAD. INTERNAL, NON-PROFESSIONAL COURIER TRAVEL HAS CONTINUED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

2. PRINCIPAL OFFICERS IN BOTH KADUNA AND IBADAN HAVE BEEN MAKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CALLS ON STATE GOVERNORS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSULAR DISTRICTS.

CALLS BY EMBASSY AND CONSULATE OFFICERS ON STATE COMMISSIONERS
AND OTHER OFFICIALS ALSO TAKING PLACE ON REGULAR BASIS.

3. TRAVEL OF DEFENSE AND AIR ATTACHES HAS NOT COMPLETELY RETURNED
TO NORMAL. ALL DEFENSE ATTACHES IN NIGERIA INFORMED THIS WEEK
THAT BECAUSE OF THE INVOLVEMENT OF NIGERIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL
WITH FESTAC ACTIVITIES, ALL VISITS TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS
BETWEEN THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER AND THE END OF FEBRUARY NEXT
YEAR HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. NEVERTHELESS, SUPREME MILITARY HEAD-
QUARTERS (SMC) HAS RECENTLY GIVEN PERMISSION FOR DATT TRAVEL TO
2ND DIV. HDQTERS (IBADAN) AND 3RD DIVISION HEADQUARTERS (JOS).
DATT FORCED TO DECLINE SECOND OPPORTUNITY AS PERMISSION RECEIVED
TOO LATE TO MAKE TRAVEL AND OTHER PREPARATIONS. INFORMED OF THIS
FACT, SMC OFFICER APOLOGIZED FOR LATENESS OF APPROVAL NOTICE.
SUBSEQUENTLY, AIR ATTACHE RECEIVED INVITATION FROM SMC TO ATTEND
NIGERIAN AIR FORCE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN KADUNA LATER THIS MONTH
AND AT SAME TIME WAS INFORMED THAT HIS REQUEST TO VISIT NIGERIAN
AIR FORCE INSTALLATIONS IN KANO WOULD BE LOOKED AT AGAIN (REQUEST
HAD EARLIER BEEN TURNED DOWN). IN VIEW OF CANCELLATION VISITS TO
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, HOWEVER, SUCH A VISIT WILL PROBABLY
NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL MARCH OF NEXT YEAR AT THE EARLIEST.

4. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT NIGERIAN SECURITY AGENCIES
CONTINUE MONITOR TRAVEL. LATEST EVIDENCE IS REPORT FROM KADUNA THAT
CID PERSONNEL HAVE MADE INQUIRIES ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF VISITING
STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICER SCHAEFER (INR) LAST SEPTEMBER.
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